

*The UNU-MERIT Ph.D. Programme in Economics and Policy Studies of Technical Change
Application for Admission*

Please type or print clearly the following application form

Personal Information

Family Name _____

Given Name(s) _____

Gender (M/F) _____

Residence Address _____

City _____ Country _____ Postal Code _____

Telephone _____ Telefax _____

Email _____

Country of current residence _____

Country of citizenship _____

Birth date _____

Place of birth _____

Nationality _____

Knowledge of Languages

Language	Proficiency			
	Mother-tongue	Fluent	Good	Basic
English				
Dutch				
French				
Other (specify)				

Your application should be mailed by 30 April 2011 to:

UNU-MERIT Ph.D. programme
Keizer Karelplein 19
6211 TC Maastricht
The Netherlands

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Academic Background

Please list all colleges and universities attended beginning with the most recent. (YYYY TO YYYY)

Dates of Attendance	Total Months of Attendance	Institution Name	Degree or Diploma received, Year
From to			
From to			
From to			
From to			

Current Occupation

If you are currently employed, please complete the following:

Company Name and Location _____

Job Title _____

Responsibilities _____

Previous Employment

Please list all relevant previous employment beginning with the most recent. (YYYY to YYYY)

Dates of Employment	Name and Location of Employer	Position
From to		
From to		
From to		
From to		
From to		

Financial Independence

All students are expected to demonstrate the ability to support themselves financially throughout the duration of the programme. Please explain how you intend to support yourself. A limited number of fellowships will be available for the first year of study. If such fellowship support is needed or required for your attendance in the first year, please also include this in your explanation. Note that applicants are urged to seek external sources of funding (e.g., bank or university scholarship programmes in your home country, etc.) at the time of or even before submitting this application.

Background Information

To assist us in making enrolment decisions, your application should include a two-page written essay covering the following points:

- Your reasons for wanting to participate in this programme of study including your background and interest in the analysis of technical change.
- Your international professional and/or academic experience, including any extended visits or residency outside of your own country of residence.

Letters of Reference

Included in this application package is a letter of support form. Please complete the applicant's portion of each form, and give one to the **three** persons you have asked to provide a letter of reference for you. **Letters of support should be sent directly by the referee to the UNU-MERIT Ph.D. programme.**

Letters of support will be submitted by the following people:

Name
Position
Business Address
Telephone: Fax: Email:

Name
Position
Business Address
Telephone: Fax: Email:

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IELTS Test

All applicants whose mother tongue is not English are required to take the IELTS Test and to obtain a score of at least 7. If applicants are unable to take the IELTS examination, another means of assessing their English language skills will be required. Should this be the case, then the applicant is requested to contact the UNU-MERIT Ph.D. Programme Assistant prior to submitting their application.

For more information about IELTS visit the IELTS website at <http://www.ielts.org> or contact the PhD. Programme Assistant by email at PhDprogramme@merit.unu.edu

Transcripts

For each college or university you have attended, a complete and official transcript of your academic record is required.

Application checklist

To ensure that you have completed all necessary requirements for your application, please complete the following checklist.

- application form
- essay
- requested 3 letters of reference
- IELTS score
- transcripts
- Statement Financial Independence

I certify that the information given in this application is complete and accurate.

Signature of applicant:

Date:

Confidential Letter of Reference for
UNU-MERIT Ph.D. Programme

To be completed by applicant

Surname/Family name of applicant

Given Name(s)

TO BE COMPLETED BY REFEREE

To referee: The information in this report will be considered confidential and will not be released to the applicant or anyone outside UNU-MERIT. We are particularly interested in the applicant's ability to carry on an advanced study and research, potential for successful study in the applicant's field, if any. Please return the form as soon as possible. Thank you for your assistance.

1. **General Appraisal.** What do you consider to be the candidate's main strengths and weaknesses, and how do you think he/she will do as a postgraduate student in the proposed programme?

(use additional sheet if necessary)

2. **Knowledge of applicant.** In what capacity and for how long have you known the applicant? (for example, as teacher, supervisor, employer)

I was the applicant's _____ for ____ years and/or ____
months between the years ____ and ____ .

3. **Rank of Applicant.** Please rank the applicant's general aptitude for postgraduate studies and research relative to other students at the same level and in the same field whom you have known over the last several years.

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Among the top 5 per cent | <input type="checkbox"/> | Among the top 50 per cent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Among the top 10 per cent | <input type="checkbox"/> | Among the lower 50 per cent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Among the top 25 per cent | | |

3a. **Comparison group** _____

4. **Specific Abilities.** How do you rate this in terms of the following attributes:

	Outstanding	Very good	Average	Below average	Unable to observe
Academic achievement					
Scholarly promise					
Research ability					
Verbal skills					
Writing skills					
Industriousness					
Judgement					
Overall rating					

Group used for this comparison: _____

5. **Ability in the English language.** Please comment upon the applicant's ability to comprehend spoken English and to pursue a research problem and write a scholarly report or thesis in English.

6. Name of referee: _____
- Academic rank: _____
- Department: _____
- Institution: _____
- Address: _____
- Telephone number: _____
- Fax Number: _____
- Email: _____
- Date: _____
- Signature of referee: _____

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